



# County Manager's Monthly Memo

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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## Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- October 28 at 11 a.m.
- Nov. 25 at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

All Regular Meetings are held on Tuesday in the County Commission Chambers at 102 Grant Ave.

All regular meetings are broadcast live at [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

## La Cienega Waterline Extension Public Meeting

The Santa Fe County Public Works Department is hosting a meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the La Cienega Community Center to provide the status of the current phase of design development for the extension of 8-inch waterlines in the La Cienega area of Santa Fe County.

## Teen Court Unveils New Mural

On Thursday, October 23 Teen Court staff, public officials, elected officials, artists, residents, and onlookers enjoyed the unveiling of the newest Teen Court Community Mural in Santa Fe. The piece is located at the La Familia Medical Center, 1035 Alto Street

This is the seventh mural the Teen Court program has completed as part of the public art mural project developed in 2009. Artists, Christopher Evans, Grant Kosh, and



(Left and Above) Various images from the mural. (Below) The professional artist and some of the teens that created the mural.

John Oda, applied different techniques as the month long project developed with Teen Court youth working alongside and learning various skills. The funding for this mural came from a Juvenile Adjudication Fund Grant.



## Mobile Health Van Provides Free Flu Shots For Adults

The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van, in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Health, will provide free flu shots for adults around Santa Fe County over the next several weeks. Below is a full schedule with location, day, date and time. Visit our website

[www.santafecountynm.gov/community\\_services/hhsd/mhv](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/community_services/hhsd/mhv) to view monthly schedules for the Mobile Health Van and for a full list of free services provided.

For more information on the Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van call 505-992-9849.



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| Hwy 14 Turquoise Trail Fire Station | Saturday, Oct. 25  | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.      |
| Glorieta Baptist Church             | Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |
| Nambe Senior Center                 | Thursday, Oct. 30  | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |
| Casa Solana Shopping Center         | Thursday, Nov. 6   | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. |

### End of Early and Absentee Voting Approaching

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk, wants to remind people that the end of Early Voting and Absentee Voting for the 2014 General Election is fast approaching.

**Absentee Ballots:** You can apply for an absentee ballot now or any time up until Friday, October 31 although we encourage voters not to wait until the last minute. By law, the last day we can send out Absentee Ballots is Friday, October 31. To apply for an Absentee Ballot, you can go online ([www.santafecountynm.gov/clerk](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/clerk)) to print an application or call the County Clerk's Office (505-986-6280) to request an application.

**All Absentee Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Night, November 4, 2014.** You can hand-deliver Absentee Ballots to the Clerk's Office or to any polling place on Election Day.

**Early Voting:** Early Voting at the Clerk's Office and alternate sites ends Saturday, November 1.

Early Voting at the **Clerk's Office:** Until Friday, October 31. Open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Early Voting at Alternate Sites:** Until Friday, October 31. Open Monday - Friday from noon – 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 25 and Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Early Voting at Alternate Site locations:

Santa Fe County Fair Building – 3229 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe

El Dorado Senior Center – 16 Avenida Torreon, El Dorado

Old Edgewood Fire Station – 25 East Frontage Road, Edgewood

Pojoaque County Satellite Office – 5 W. Gutierrez, Ste. 9, Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza, Pojoaque

For more information visit [www.santafecountynm.gov/clerk](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/clerk) or call the County Clerk's Office 505-986-6280.



## Wild Life Center Visits Youth Development Center

The Wild Life Center conducted a presentation on September 19, 2014 at the Santa Fe County Youth Development Program. During this presentation, volunteers from the Wild Life Center provided information on habitats, adaptation, conservation and biology. The presenters were accompanied by raptors on the fist.

The Wildlife Center works to conserve and restore native wildlife and their habitats through action-oriented education, promotion of public awareness, strategic partnerships and responsible wildlife rehabilitation.



## County Treasurer's Office Gears Up for Property Tax Collections Announces Important Dates and Information

- Santa Fe County Treasurer Patrick "Pat" Varela announces the 2014 first half property tax bills will be distributed via the U.S. Postal Service on Thursday, October 29.
- The Treasurer's Office will extend their hours of operation by one hour from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Monday, November 3 and ending on Friday, December 12.
- The Treasurer's Office will also start their outreach program on Monday, November 10. The Outreach program is where members of the Treasurer's Office hold business hours (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) at various locations around the County for three weeks during tax collection season so residents can easily make payments in their own community. For a full schedule of locations visit [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov).
- Tax payers have until Wednesday, December 10 to pay the first half of 2014 property taxes or the option of paying the year in full without incurring any penalty and interest.

If you should have any questions please contact the Santa Fe County Treasurers Office at 505-986-6245.

## Sustainable Land Development Code Update

On October 14, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners gave direction to staff to prepare major reserved sections in the Sustainable Land Development Code (SLDC) including Bonus and Incentive Zoning, the Santa Fe Community College District and Media District (Planned Development District), which includes a substantial part of the Sustainable Development Area 1, regulations governing most Developments of Countywide Impacts (DCIs), a comprehensive review of cell tower provisions and to work with communities to do consistency review between community plans and the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP) and prepare Community Overlay Districts and the community zoning maps for inclusion in the SLDC. In addition, staff would prepare an update of the SGMP to reflect new population, employment, and land use assumption figures and to update DCI elements.

Staff will draft these sections of the SLDC and will then release all changes for additional public review and comment prior to moving forward with required public hearings for adoption.

Originally the adoption timeline ran through the end of 2014, however the new direction and timeline lend itself well into 2015.

## Ribbon Cutting for Library Expansion

Santa Fe County recently held the ribbon cutting ceremony for the recently completed Vista Grande Public Library Expansion. The expansion added 4,000 square feet to the existing Library, this expansion added a reading area and additional computer stations. The new portion of the library also has additional office space, three new tutoring workstations for after school tutoring, G.E.D instruction and literacy programs and allow for many other activities and uses. The project cost came in at \$890,000 and was funded by Capital Outlay Gross Receipts Tax.



(Above) L to R: Julia Kelso, Vista Grande Public Library Library Director, Commissioner Stefanics, Roberta Armstrong, President of Vista Grande Public Library



(Above) L to R: Commissioner Holian, Jack Sullivan (former County Commissioner for District 5), Representative Vickie Perea, (Dist. 50), Commissioner Stefanics and Roberta Armstrong, President of Vista Grande Public Library.

## Santa Fe County Utility Participates In Confined Space Training

Santa Fe County Utility (SFCU) field crew received training in October on confined space entry safety. The training was provided by John Brown with Santa Fe Vacuum Excavation and covered the practical aspects of assessing confined spaces and using entry equipment.

### SFCU attendees included:

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| Shane Padilla     | Dennis Riddle   |
| Justine Francisco | Robert George   |
| Melvin Perez-     | Dominic Romero  |
| Martinez          | Lorance Sanchez |
| Lucas Herrera     | Adam Salazar    |
| Tony Quintana     |                 |



(Above) Shane Padilla in a simulated rescue



## Community Services Department Builds Community Library

How big is a library? The library at the Santa Fe County Community Services Department is 24 inches by 16 inches, but is filled with a Universe. Employees fill the little red box with books they have read or would like to read. If a book is good enough for Oprah and the New York Times it's good enough for the library. If it has a gold seal for winning a children's book award it should pass through the little red box too!

The employees of the Community Services Department installed a small neighborhood library outside their office and filled it with all kinds of books. The idea is to share books with each other, clients who stop by the office and the neighborhood to promote the love of reading and literacy. It is a free place to exchange books, the guiding notion: take a book, leave a book.

**Who can use the library?** Anyone can take or leave a book  
**What is the library?** It is a small red box with a black roof that looks like a house

**Where is the library?** The small library is located under the front portal of the Community Services Department building at 2052 S. Galisteo St.

**When is it open?** It is outside and available for browsing all the time.



## What's Happening in Brief at SFC

### Santa Fe County Hosts Blood Drive

Santa Fe County is hosting a United Blood Services Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo St. Suite B.

Contact Marie Garcia to schedule a time at 505-992-9841

or email her at [mgarcia@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:mgarcia@santafecountynm.gov)

### Kitchen Creations Hosts Fours Series Cooking Class

Kitchen Creations – Is hosting a cooking school for people with diabetes (although you don't have to have diabetes to sign up). The classes are sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Health, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program.

This is a four class series where you will learn to plan healthy meals, prepare delicious dishes that manage carbohydrates, reduce fat, sugar, and sodium in cooking without cutting taste. Participants will receive a workbook

and recipe books.

All classes are from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Extension Office, 3229 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505 (Santa Fe County Fairgrounds)

### Class Dates:

Friday, November 7  
 Friday, November 14  
 Friday, November 21  
 Friday, December 5

Pre-registration is required. Call 505-471-4711 to reserve your spot today.



County Manager  
 Katherine Miller



## Stay Connected With SFC



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102 Grant Ave.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2061

**Phone:**  
Santa Fe County Main Line  
(505) 986-6200

### Frequently Called Numbers:

Santa Fe County Assessor's Office – (505) 986-6300  
Santa Fe County Clerk's Office – (505) 986-6280  
Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office – (505) 986-6245  
Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office – (505) 986-2455  
SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

### Other Important Numbers

Building Permits 505-986-6225  
Fire Questions/ Burn Permit 505-992-3070  
Utilities 505-992-9870  
Public Works/Roads 505-992-3010  
Human Resources 505-992-9880  
Community Services 505-992-9849  
Attorney's Office 505-326-6279  
Teen Court 505-995-9555  
Animal Control 505-992-1626

## Halloween Safety Tips From the Santa Fe County Fire Department

This Halloween be safe goblins and enjoy your Halloween!

### Halloween Safety Tips:

- Fire exits should be plainly marked and kept open at all times.
- Avoid tricks that could cause bodily harm, destroy property, or cause fire.
- Keep matches and open flames away from children.
- Use electric lights or battery operated candles around all decorations and to illuminate your jack-o-lantern instead of open flame candles.
- Keep all costumes and other decorations at least 3 ft. away from heat sources and open flames.
- Buy flame proof costumes or mixing nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid with one gallon of water to make a good flame proofing solution. Dip the material into the solution and let it drip dry. Do not place in the clothes dryer, as this will remove the flame proofing. This protection is good for six months or until item is laundered.
- An adult should be present at all parties and gatherings.
- Children should never take rides from strangers or enter the home of stranger.
- Dress children in warm, light-colored clothing so that they may be easily seen while crossing streets. Glow sticks or reflective tape can also be used on costumes.
- Use tight-woven clothing, as loose-woven clothing ignites and burns faster. Keep clothing short to avoid tripping and falling.
- If you are driving your children around the neighborhood be aware of other children that may dash out in front of your vehicle.
- If you live in a neighborhood that gets a lot of children, make sure your driveway and porch is well lit!

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